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Board Oversight of Acupuncturists

As a result of recent legislation passed by the General Assembly, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure is now certifying acupuncturist practitioners in the Commonwealth. Developed in a similar format to the other allied health practitioners under the Board's jurisdiction, the Acupuncture Advisory Committee was created and appointed by the Board with the responsibilities of reviewing and making recommendations regarding matters relating to acupuncture. Maureen A. Flannery, M.D., of Berea, was elected chair of the Committee.

By statute, the practice of acupuncture is defined as meaning the insertion of acupuncture needles, with or without accompanying electrical stimulation, at certain acupuncture points or meridians on the surface of the body for purposes of changing the flow of energy in the body and may include acupressure, cupping, moxibustion, or dermal friction. The practice of acupuncture shall not include laser acupuncture, osteopathic manipulative treatment, chiropractic adjustments, physical therapy, or surgery.

Currently, it is unlawful for any person not certified by the Board under KRS 311.671 to 311.686 to practice acupuncture in Kentucky, or use any title, sign, card, or device to indicate that he or she is an acupuncturist. It is important to note that the provisions of KRS 311.671 to 311.686 are not intended to limit, preclude, or otherwise interfere with the practice of other health care practitioners, working in any setting and certified or licensed by the appropriate agencies or committees of the Commonwealth whose practices and training may include elements of the same nature as the practice of a certified acupuncturist.

In order to verify whether an acupuncturist is certified by the Board, please visit the Board's website, www.kbml.ky.gov.

Board Welcomes New Member

The Board at its March 15 meeting welcomed Justice (Ret.) J. William Graves of Paducah as its newest member, representing citizens at-large. Justice Graves replaces Ms. Lynn Fischer of Louisville whose term has expired.

Federal Guidelines for Proper Disposal of Prescription Drugs

The Board would like to make all physicians aware of the following Federal guidelines for disposing of prescription drugs:

- Take unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers and throw them in the trash.
- Mixing prescription drugs with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter, and putting them in impermeable, non-descript containers, such as empty cans or sealable bags, will further ensure the drugs are not diverted.
- Flush prescription drugs down the toilet only if the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs doing so.
- Take advantage of community pharmaceutical take-back programs that allow the public to bring unused drugs to a central location for proper disposal. Some communities have pharmaceutical take-back programs or community solid-waste programs that allow the public to bring unused drugs to a central location for proper disposal. Where these exist, they are a good way to dispose of unused pharmaceuticals.

2007 Annual Renewal of Physician Licenses

Annual renewal of physician licenses for the current year has just been completed. As of April 1, 2007, a total of 13,179 physicians have renewed their medical/osteopathic license. This reflects an increase of 389 over last years total for the same period. Of the total, 8,775 physicians reported a practice address in Kentucky, reflecting an increase of 119. It should be noted that of the total number of physicians renewing their license 811 are retired and do not maintain a practice address.

Attention Requested on Completion of Death Certificates

The death certificate is a permanent record of death that assists in the settlement of the deceased's estate and provides family members with closure, peace of mind, and documentation of the cause of death. In addition, it is an important source of statistical data that helps to determine death trends and to set public health goals.

The Kentucky Office of Vital Statistics is requesting physicians' cooperation in improving the accuracy and timeliness of completion of death certificates. Each day the office receives numerous death certificates from funeral homes that are returned because the attending physician provided incomplete or incorrect information. The errors cause unusually long delays in the process of the filing of death certificates, and result in further delays for family members of the decedent in settling the estate and executing other legal duties.

Physicians should be aware that if death was due to an injury, the required sections 23a through 29 and 30a through 30f of the death certificate are to be filled out legibly, accurately and completely, in order to comply with Kentucky Revised Statutes 213.076 and 213.078. To assist physicians, the Office of Vital Statistics offers the "Physicians' Handbook on Medical Certification of Death" and has developed a pamphlet entitled, "What Every Physician Should Know About Certifying The Death Certificate". Both are available upon request and can also be accessed on-line at www.cdc.gov/nchs/vital_certs_rev.htm. These tools can be useful in preparing the sections of the death certificate required by physicians and funeral directors.

To find out more or to schedule training, physicians can contact the Kentucky Office of Vital Statistics, 275 East Main St., 1E-A, Frankfort, KY 40621, or call 502/564-4212 for Quality Assurance Representatives Troy Chisholm (ext. 3908) or Sheryl Meador (ext. 4424).

Board Actions Report (Actions taken since 1/1/07)

Ira J. Azizpour, M.D., Manchester, KY, #25031

Order of Revocation issued 3/2/07, effective 4/4/07.

David M. Barrere, M.D., Ft. Thomas, KY, #32009

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 2/5/07.

Susan A. Berg, M.D., South Fulton, KY, #39031

Order Suspending License issued 1/12/07, effective 2/20/07. Order Reinstating Suspended License issued 3/19/07.

David C. Blocker, M.D., Out of State, #32420

Agreed Order entered into 2/22/07.

Roberto J. Cabrera, M.D., Louisville, KY, #18004

Order Suspending License issued 1/12/07, effective 1/17/07.

Donald C. Cameron, M.D., Owingsville, KY, #13052

Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 2/15/07.

Todd S. Carran, M.D., Out of State, #29051

Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 2/15/06.

L. Jean Cooper, M.D., Out of State, #TP974

Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 1/3/07.

Michael S. Gainey, M. D., Cynthiana, KY, #22283

Agreed Order of Suspension; Order of Restriction entered into 2/28/07

John T. Garner, M.D., Ashland, KY, #33507

Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 3/19/07.

Ramon H. Gonzalez, M.D., Madisonville, KY, #27942

Agreed Order entered into 3/30/07.

Laura J. Hazeltine, M.D., Paintsville, KY, #25775

Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 3/14/07.

Thomas G. Hughes, M.D., Louisville, KY, #34678

Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 3/26/07.

Joseph J. James, M.D., Manchester, KY, #24548

Amended Agreed Order entered into 2/2/07.

Deepak N. Kapadia, M.D., Madisonville, KY, #34261

Order Terminating Restriction issued 1/31/07.

Anthony F. Leger, M.D., Harlan, KY, #16685

Order Suspending License issued 1/12/07

Omar Lopez-Samayoa, M.D., Columbia, KY, #23139

Second Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 2/20/07.

Larry W. Maynard, M.D., Franklin, KY, #16825

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 2/5/07.

John L. Myers, M.D., Paducah, KY, #31780

Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 3/5/07

Dennis R. Northrip, M.D., Lexington, KY #23287

Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 3/23/07.

Linda P. Peeno, M.D., Louisville, KY, #20306

Order Suspending License issued 1/12/07, effective 2/9/07.

John R. Quertermous, M.D., Murray, KY, #19950

Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 3/19/07.

Stephen G. Ramsay, M.D., Richmond, KY, #25371

Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 2/9/07.

Luke D. Ross, M.D., Paducah, KY, #19553

Order Suspending License issued 2/22/07, effective 2/24/07. Order Reinstating Suspended License issued 3/1/07.

Peter W. Ross, M.D., Louisville, KY, #22513

Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 1/29/07.

Mark R. Secor, M.D., Berea, KY, #23629

Agreed Order entered into 2/15/07.

Ronald R. Sommerfeldt, M.D., Russellville, KY, #19407

Third Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 2/5/07.

Michael P. Stevens, M.D., Russellville, KY, #32733

Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 1/18/07.

Michael R. Swenson, M.D., Louisville, KY, #32736

Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 3/26/07.

Richard H. Weddle, M.D., Somerset, KY, #10804

Order Suspending License issued 1/12/07.

Restrictions have also been placed on the following physicians' license pending resolution of charges brought against these physicians:

Billy J. Parson, M.D., Somerset, KY, #18472

Complaint and Emergency Order of Restriction issued 2/20/07, effective 2/22/07. Emergency Order of Suspension issued 1/3/07, effective 1/5/07.

James L. Kegler, M.D., Florence, KY, #38252

Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued 2/2/07, effective 2/5/07.

C. Milton Young, M.D., Louisville, KY, #13295

Complaint and Emergency Order of Restriction issued 3/1/07, effective 3/5/07.

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Change of Address Notice

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(Please Print or Type Information)

Date: _____

KY License Number: _____

Name: _____
(last) (first) (m.i.)

Mailing Address: _____
(street)

(city) (state) (zip)

KY Practice County: _____ **Office Telephone:** _____

Practice Address: _____
(street)

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